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	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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1. This communication is responsive to <u>amendment received 7/5/06</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-14 and 16.		
3. ☑ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority una) ☑ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have	been received.	OT//D02/03/618
 2. ☑ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. <u>PCT/JP03/0</u>3639. 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the 		
International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).		
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Allowed Claims: 1, 3-14 and 16.

Examiner's Amendment/Reasons for Allowance

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Jackson on September 12, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

- 1. Cancel claims 2, 15, and 17-18.
- 2. Claim 1, line 8, after "constant" insert --entire lens--;
- 3. Claim 1, line 15, delete "front surface peripheral portion in the peripheral zone" and insert therein --peripheral portion in the front surface peripheral zone--; and
 - 4. Claim 16, line 8, after "constant" insert --entire lens--.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art either alone or in combination disclose or teach of the claimed combination of limitations to warrant a rejection under 35 USC 102 or 103. Specifically, with respect to independent claims 1 and 16, none of the prior art either alone or in combination disclose or teach of the claimed series of contact lenses or method of manufacturing a contact lens specifically including, as the distinguishing features in combination with the

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other limitations, the claimed different degrees of refractive power of the optical zones established in the assorted plurality of contact lenses so that optical characteristics of the optical zone differ, and a diameter of the front surface optical zone being varied depending on differences in refractive power of the optical zones.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jordan M. Schwartz whose telephone number is (571) 272-2337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday (8:30 to 4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached at (571) 272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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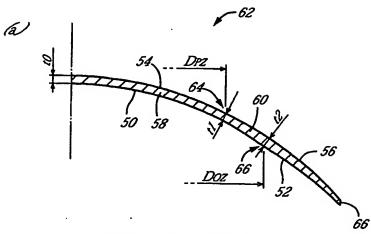
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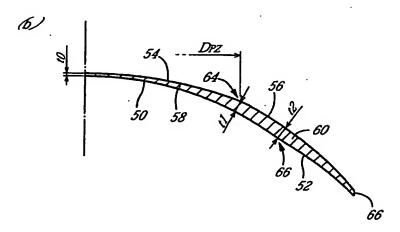
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